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Mom charged after baby left in vehicle

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POLICE Ontario Provincial Police have charged a 25-year-old Rockland-area woman after a passerby found a three-month-old baby girl left unattended in a vehicle at the Rockland Jean Coutu pharmacy Monday.

Police said the woman, who is the child's mother, faces charges of abandoning a child and failure to provide necessities of life to a child under the Criminal Code of Canada, said OPP Const. Guy Prevost.

Both charges carry an indictable term not exceeding five years in jail and a summary conviction of 18 months in jail.

Following an interview with the witness, police determined the child was left in the car for less than 10 minutes, said Prevost.

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Storms batter south Ontario

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SuperEX Time for a Cannon Ball

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During her first-ever visit to SuperEX, Carizza Valiente, centre, was one of the first to drop from the Cannon Ball ride Thursday afternoon at Lansdowne Park. The EX is one of many events filling the calendar for the last big festival weekend of the summer. Story, page 2.

Melnyk counter-punches Balsillie's attack

NHL The gloves are off now.

Ottawa Senators owner Eugene Melnyk has fired back at Jim Balsillie for arguments he made during legal wrangling over Balsillie's attempt to purchase the Phoenix Coyotes.

In a recent court filing, Balsillie's legal team argued that moral grounds and questions of character are not grounds for denying someone ownership of a franchise.

In a public statement aimed directly at the Research In Motion co-CEO, Melnyk stated that Balsillie's conduct towards the league and other owners has led him to conclude that, "the sport of hockey is better off without him."

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Schools prepare for H1N1

Mass inoculations considered

Flu Outbreak

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As Ottawa Public Health works with school board representatives in preparation for the busy flu season ahead, a paper published in the journal Science Thursday said that mass inoculations of elementary and high school-aged children — and their parents — would knock out the key breeding grounds for any form of influenza.

Dr. Michael Gardam, head of infections disease control at Ontario's Agency for Health Protection and Promotion, said the paper focuses on the fact that young kids are the incubators of the virus. The kids in turn infect their parents, who carry the viruses other places, Gardam said.

Ottawa's chief medical officer of health Dr. Isra Levy said area school boards will send letters home to parents, instructing them to teach kids handwashing and coughing/sneezing techniques. The letter will also remind parents that the H1N1 virus, also known as swine flu, can be spread by mouth contact, so drink containers, mouth guards and instrument mouthpieces should not be shared, Levy said.

Despite the precautions, the H1N1 situation in Ottawa is stable, with no new cases reported, said Levy.

Hospitals and city officials are confident they'll be prepared when flu season hits this fall.

It's the province's mandate that hospitals stockpile four weeks of supplies, said hospital emergency planning committee chairman Thomas Hayes.

The city is also taking "appropriate precautions with staff to ensure that they know the protocol with hand hygiene and protective equipment," said the city's chief of integrated public safety John Ash. WITH FILES FROM TORSTAR

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City wading pools closing for season

Summer isn't officially over, but city wading pools are closing for the season. While the majority of wading pools closed yesterday, the one at St. Laurent closes Friday, and McNabb and Westboro on Aug. 28. METRO OTTAWA

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Sports equipment sought for Inuit

Next month, Ottawa-based photographer Michelle Valberg and writer Joan Weinman will travel to northern Canada to work on a photo-essay book called The Land and Life of the Inuit: Through the Generations.

With the help of Ottawa residents, the two women will also be bringing much-needed sports equipment for the children in communities they visit.

"We have chosen to bring sports equipment because of the strong agreement across the country that community sport is one of the most positive forces in the lives of young people today," said Valberg.

Ottawa police Chief Vern White — who spent nearly two decades of his career in northern communities — is the honorary campaign captain.

White said northern communities can be the most difficult and challenging to police.

"This city can make a difference in the north," he said.

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Young throat singers Kenneth Langille, 7, Damian Metcalfe, 4, and Saelym Degrandpre, 8, left to right, stand in front of a shopping cart full of sports equipment that will be donated to northern youth next month.

Donations can be dropped off by Sept. 11 at Ottawa Canadian Tire stores, all Ottawa Fire Department stations and Valberg Imaging, at 322 Richmond Rd.

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Fests set for last big weekend of the summer

Four gear up, one winds down

TIM WIECLAWSKI and TRACEY TONG

Thrill seekers found plenty to be happy about Thursday, when SuperEX opened at noon.

Within minutes of the gates opening, Lovelyn Caparino, 9, and Carizza Valiente, 25, had taken the plunge on the Cannon Ball Ride.

"It almost gave me a heart attack," said Caparino after the ride.

Valiente said they weren't worried about the threat of afternoon showers.

"We don't care if we get wet. We're just here to have fun," she said.

Organizers are expecting great weather for the opening weekend of the 121st annual event at Lansdowne Park, said spokesperson Doug Hempstead.

SuperEX is one of the many events happening during the last big weekend for festivals this summer.

From Friday through Sunday, music lovers have two different genres to choose from.

While the 16th annual Ottawa Folk Festival — which includes a series of gardening and music workshops along with performances by Bruce Cockburn, Steven Page, Amy Millan and Joel Plaskett — is held at Britannia Park, the second annual Ottawa Reggae Festival is held at Lebreton Park.

The 2009 edition of Capital Pride also kicks off Friday with the opening party and first-ever Walk the Bridge in My Shoes event commemorating the 20th anniversary of the murder of Alain Brosseau.

"Ottawa's most colourful festival" has something for everyone this year," said Capital Pride parade grand marshal and past chair Joanne Law.

As new festivals gear up, other ones are winding down.

Greekfest has enjoyed the best stretch of festival weather of the season, which has translated into big crowds at the Prince of Wales Drive location, said event manager Costa Koskoletos.

Developer upset over delay

COUNCIL A delay over an infill project proposed in Stittsville has resulted in the developer accusing a city councillor of overstepping his mandate to block its approval.

The decision to allow a 36-unit residential/commercial complex at the intersection of Main and Orville streets to move forward was appealed in June. The issue will be discussed Sept. 8.

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Judge rules former stripper's gifts can't be taxed

A Tax Court of Canada judge has ruled the Canada Revenue Agency can't collect income tax bills for $400,000 and $643,000 from a former Montreal stripper who received $1.3 million in cash and two cars, a bar, a home, furs and jewels — a total value of $2 million — from a businessman, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Canada

Office owner finds decades-old mail

As the new owner of an old post office, Stirling, Ont., resident Rosanna Clark found herself helping to deliver 68-year-old mail. She found nine pieces of undelivered mail earlier this summer while renovating her new office, including a letter dating back to 1941. The letters have since been sent to Canada Post's undeliverable mail office in Toronto. Workers there will open the sealed envelopes and continue the search for new addresses for the recipients. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PM vows better times for Arctic residents

NUNAVUT As Canada asserts sovereignty claims in the Arctic, it must also do a better job of ensuring the region's residents share in its resources, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said Thursday.

Harper made his comments in the coastal hamlet of Pangnirtung on Baffin Island in Nunavut, as he continued his tour of Canada's Far North.

Many residents of the Arctic, where a large portion of the population is aboriginal, say they have too often been left behind in the rush to exploit the natural resources beneath their feet.

Harper outlined Ottawa's plan to spend $17 million to improve the local harbour for fishermen.

The lack of a good dock forces fishermen to wait until high tide to unload their catches, a process that can force them to remain on the water in small boats in bad weather.

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A young Inuk girl cries during a speech by Prime Minister Stephen Harper in Pangnirtung, Nunavut, Thursday.

From no call to no tell

CRTC won't disclose identities of list violators

The CRTC is to hold secret talks next week to determine whether three unidentified telemarketers knowingly violated the national do-not-call list, the Toronto Star has learned.

The agency has gone to extraordinary lengths to ensure you don't know who the telemarketers are and what they did. They won't even let you know when exactly the three CRTC commissioners handling the matter are going to talk to each other by phone.

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission took the step of striking the panel after the telemarketers refused to pay undisclosed fines.

A CRTC spokesperson said if the three commissioners, Timothy Denton, Louise Poirier and Michel Arpin, determine the telemarketers have violated the almost year-old rules, only then will their names be published along with the fine on the CRTC website.

The no-call list law was introduced in September 2008 to protect consumers from being bothered by telemarketers.

Some seven million telephone numbers have been registered on the do-not-call list.

Queen's University law Prof. Art Cockfield said yesterday the CRTC should be shaming telemarketers, not going to great lengths to protect their identity.

Besides refusing to name telemarketers, the CRTC went as far as tell the Toronto Star "there are no documents" relating to offending telemarketers, even though it has issued a total of seven telemarketers with violation notices and confirmed that hundreds of others were under investigation.

"Disclosing the identity of the telemarketing company would act as a significant deterrent, the so-called shaming factor," said Cockfield.

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Fines

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Federal Court judges' ages called into question

At least 12 cases have been adjourned after the ages of six Federal Court deputy judges were questioned, CBC News Online reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A tree was uprooted in York Region, north of Toronto, by a powerful storm on Thursday evening. At least four tornadoes touched down in the region, reportedly killing one.

Storms knock power

1 dead as tornadoes hit southern Ontario

Close to 69,000 Ontario residents were left without power after a series of destructive thunderstorms and several tornadoes ripped through southwestern Ontario last night.

Over half of these residents are in the area of Owen Sound and Walkerton, which is just north of Durham, Ont., where a tornado was spotted.

The OPP have confirmed there is at least one fatality after strong winds and storms blasted through the town of Durham, 50 kilometres south of Owen Sound, this afternoon. Residents said a shed collapsed in a conservation park in the north end of town, killing a person inside.

Another 6,000 people in cottage country near Georgian Bay and in Muskoka were left in the dark, said Hydro One representative Daniele Gauvin. The numbers do not include homes and businesses in the York region, which was battered by high winds.

In Toronto, subway service was suspended between Wilson and Downsview stations after outages. There were also multiple pockets of power outages throughout the city and downtown.

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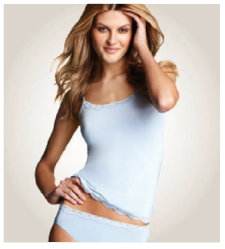

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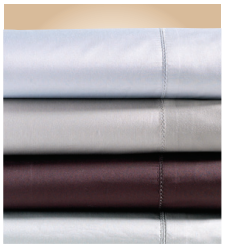

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Obama urges renewed Mideast peace talks soon

U.S. President Barack Obama wants Israel and the Palestinians to restart peace talks as soon as possible and urged both sides to advance the process, the White House said Thursday. REUTERS

World

Love runs deep in seach for lost wedding ring

A New Zealand man has been dubbed the Lord of the Ring after he searched and found his wedding ring more than a year after it slipped off his finger and sank to the sea floor. The ring was lost for 16 months in the Wellington Harbour, before Aleki Taumoepeau found it shining on the sea floor, a newspaper reported Thursday. Taumoepeau, an ecologist, had been married for just three months when he lost the ring while conducting an environmental sweep of the harbour. He roughly marked the spot where the ring had flown from his finger, but was unable to find it despite returning to the area many times. REUTERS

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An election official sorts through ballot papers at a polling station in Kandahar Thursday.

Afghans vote despite violence

Millions of Afghans went to the polls Thursday, defying Taliban threats of violence and sporadic attacks to choose a president in the midst of a worsening war.

"The Afghan people dared rockets, bombs and intimidation and came out to vote," President Hamid Karzai told a news conference after polls closed.

The Afghan government said nine civilians and 14 members of the security forces were killed in a total of 135 incidents countrywide on polling day.

Rockets fell on towns, especially in the south and east, and two gunmen wearing suicide vests were killed in a gunbattle in Kabul, but the Taliban failed to mount a single spectacular strike that could threaten the poll itself. Violence in the morning tapered off as the day went on.

"Overall, the security situation has been better than we feared. That is certainly the most positive aspect of these elections," said Kai Eide, head of the UN mission in Kabul.

"The security situation has, in general, allowed people to take part in the elections," he said.

Pre-election polls showed Karzai, in power since 2001, is likely to win but not by enough to avoid a run-off against his main challenger, his former foreign minister Abdullah Abdullah, who ran a surprisingly energetic campaign. If Karzai fails to win more than 50 per cent of the vote he will face a run-off in October, most likely against Abdullah. The president relied for votes on the endorsements of many of the country's notorious former militia chiefs, raising alarm among his Western backers that the cost of a victory in the election could be a return of warlords to power.

The election was also a test for U.S. President Barack Obama, who has ordered a massive troop build-up this year as part of a strategy to reverse Taliban gains. U.S. officials were clearly relieved that election-day violence had not been worse.

"Lots of people have defied threats of violence and terror to express their thoughts about the next government for the people of Afghanistan," White House spokesman Robert Gibbs said. REUTERS

Election results

- Preliminary results are not due for two weeks, although polling stations could begin to report sooner.

Speaker ready to study rape allegations

IranCrisis

PROTESTERS Iran's parliamentary speaker said on Thursday he was ready to consider any documents submitted by pro-reform cleric Mehdi Karoubi to support his allegations that some imprisoned reformist protesters have been raped, the IRNA news agency reported.

Ali Larijani made the comment a day after Karoubi asked to meet top officials including President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad to present evidence of the alleged abuse of detainees following protests after June's disputed election.

Karoubi, who came fourth in the vote, has come under fire from hardliners for making the allegation, which the authorities have rejected as "baseless."

"He can pursue these issues and we are prepared to consider their documents and proofs," IRNA quoted Larijani as saying.

"We have no interest in keeping any part of this issue concealed from the public."

Some hardliners have called for Karoubi to be arrested or tried if he fails to prove his allegations. Last week, he said some of those arrested had been killed under torture.

Opposition leader Mir Hossein Mousavi, who came second in the vote, on Tuesday lent support to Karoubi and accused "establishment agents" of raping and abusing detainees.

Iran arrested thousands of people in the post-election protests, its worst street unrest since the Islamic revolution in 1979.

At least 200 people remain in jail, including senior moderate politicians, activists, lawyers and journalists.

Iran has this month begun three mass trials of reformist activists and protesters, including a former vice-president and former ministers.

The poll and its turbulent aftermath have plunged Iran into its biggest internal crisis since the revolution, exposing deepening divisions within its ruling elite and also further straining relations with the West. REUTERS

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Lockerbie bomber released from prison

SCOTLAND A former Libyan agent jailed for life for the 1988 Lockerbie bombing that killed 270 people flew home on Thursday after Scottish authorities released him on compassionate grounds because he is dying of cancer.

Abdel Basset al-Megrahi, believed to have less than three months to live, was released on the order of Scotland's justice minister despite strong opposition from the U.S., which had campaigned to keep him in prison. Pan Am flight 103 was carrying 189 Americans when it left London for New York on Dec. 21, 1988.

In all, 259 people on board and 11 on the ground were killed in the bombing.

"He is a dying man, he is terminally ill," Scottish Justice Minister Kenny MacAskill said. "My decision is that he returns home to die." In a statement issued by his lawyer after his departure, Megrahi said that he was innocent and had been wrongly jailed, but also thanked Scotland for setting him free. REUTERS

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News in brief

IRAQ Iraqis seethed at their security forces Thursday after 95 people died and more than 1,000 were wounded in the bloodiest day of attacks in Iraq this year, many blaming political infighting as elections near. Wednesday's explosions struck at the heart of Iraqi state power, close to Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone. REUTERS

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Militants turn in weapons

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Obama trims deficit forecast

A stabilizing U.S. financial sector has freed President Barack Obama to trim 2009 budget deficit projections, but the still-record-breaking figure will not make it any easier for him to sell health-care reform.

The White House budget office will lower its deficit forecast next week for the current fiscal year to $1.58 trillion US from $1.84 trillion after removing $250 billion set aside for bank bailouts.

The decision shows the administration has enough confidence in the financial sector's strength to forego an option to ask the U.S. Congress for further rescue funds.

But the lower figure's release, which comes at a convenient time for Obama as he tries to overcome critics' concerns about a nearly $1-trillion overhaul of the health-care system, does not change a key problem: the deficit is still in the trillions of dollars.

"The size of the deficit remains large and most Americans will see it that way," said Julian Zelizer, a history professor at Princeton University.

"In this case, the devil is not in the details but rather it is in the trillion-dollar figure."

The Congressional Budget Office will offer its latest deficit projections on Tuesday, setting up a potential clash of fiscal outlooks. Previous CBO estimates showed the deficit topping $1.8 trillion in 2009, largely because of Obama's $787-billion economic stimulus package. REUTERS

Manufacturing grows in U.S. Mid-Atlantic: Report

ECONOMY Manufacturing in the U.S. Mid-Atlantic region expanded in August for the first time in 10 months but new filings for unemployment benefits rose last week, an indication weak spending would constrain recovery.

The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank said on Thursday its business activity index rebounded to 4.2 in August, the highest since November 2007, from minus 7.5 in July. A reading above zero indicates growth.

While the Philadelphia Fed index was the latest report to chart an improvement in manufacturing as producers rebuild depleted inventories, a separate report from the Labor Department underscored the fragile state of the jobs market.

Initial applications for state unemployment insurance rose 15,000 to a seasonally adjusted 576,000 last week, tempering some of the optimism over an economy that is close or starting to pull itself out of the worst slump in 70 years and pointed to an anemic recovery.

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New orders

- The Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank's survey showed new orders rose to 4.2 from minus 2.2 in July, also the highest since November 2007. The employment index rose to minus 12.9 from minus 25.3 last month.

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Comment

Elect an Aboriginal unifying force

Bernd Christmas
Guest Columnist

When Aboriginal Canadians gather next month to elect a new leader of the Congress of Aboriginal Peoples, an organization founded to represent off-reserve Aboriginal Peoples, they will not be just be answering the question of who leads the congress, but perhaps who actually represents Aboriginal Peoples in Canada.

During the CAP's 38-year history it has battled for that right with the better known — and richer — Assembly of First Nations (the AFN received $27 million in grants from the federal government alone in 2008, compared to $5.5 million for CAP), which says it represents all First Nations, though its leadership is elected only by First Nations band chiefs, whose governments receive $10 billion in funding from Indian Affairs — a source of tension for First Nations people living off reserve who can't access those funds or that level of support.

According to Department of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada population projections, in 2009, there are 482,600 on-reserve Status Indians and 350,000 off reserve, though Statistics Canada says only 40 percent of First Nations people live on reserves.

So at stake in these elections is this: will a new CAP leader work with the newly elected AFN National Chief, Shawn Atleo, on behalf of all aboriginals, rather than against each other as their two predecessors did. How bad was it? The AFN's former national chief Phil Fontaine declared in 2007 about CAP: "It is deeply insulting when the government supports a puppet organization, of questionable representation, with a straw man for a leader, who slams First Nations leadership."

In 2008, CAP's former national chief Patrick Brazeau responded: "The AFN national chief said he represents all First Nations people. Well, I'm a First Nations person and I did not give him that right to represent me. As a matter of fact, he living off-reserve, means I represent him."

Let's add a few more national organizations into the mix: the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami, the Metis Nation and the Native Women's Association. Collectively, the five organizations represent all Indigenous Peoples. Sometimes they work together, but for the most part they don't.

Clearly all Indigenous Peoples are not one homogenous body, and are all very distinctive.

But surely no one can argue that collectively they are on the same page as a result of the poor treatment of Indigenous Peoples. All are fighting for recognition and implementation of rights, within the law.

The CAP election may be the first step for an organization to take the high road and elect a leader that is willing to go the extra mile. All Indigenous Peoples are looking for leaders that can bring them a better life. Education, health care, employment, justice, thriving economies and equality are issues that need attention. Will it ever be possible to form one political body to represent all?

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Views

Focus less on gay-dollars and more on gay people

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This spring marked 40 years since Parliament decriminalized homosexuality, in accordance with then-Justice Minister Pierre Trudeau's maxim that the state has no business in the bedrooms of the nation.

Once upon a time, the Ottawa police used to raid gay gatherings. Now they have a hate crimes unit and a GLBT Liaison Committee. Still, as Capital Pride '09 begins today, I expect no last-minute funding announcements from the federal government's Marquee Tourism Events Program, as there were for our jazz, blues and chamber music festivals.

The Tories, the only party in the House without an openly gay MP in their ranks, have walked an erratic line on pride celebrations. Minister of State for Tourism Diane Ablonczy, who vexed social conservatives by extending a $400,000 MTEP grant to the Toronto Pride Festival, was stripped of her responsibility for the fund. Montreal's Divers-Cite festival was subsequently told, five days before they opened, that their expected grant wasn't coming. But the show will go on in Ottawa.

I live in what is sometimes called the gaybourhood, the area of Somerset and Bank. There is a split over whether to make this designation official — akin to Little Italy or Chinatown. Others oppose what they see as a commercialization of queer culture.

I must confess personal indifference as to whether or not our gay village is marked with an official plaque but I understand the commercialization caveats. So much of the mainstream measure of the gay community seems to be based on economic terms, on how much tourist money Capital Pride pours into local coffers, or on businesses respecting gay customers for their spending power alone. Urban theorist Richard Florida made his name in part with the so-called "gay index," with which he noted the correlation between a city's gay-friendliness and its ability to attract top talent for high-tech and other knowledge-based industries.

Not, as they say, that there's anything wrong with that, but there's more to the gay community than double-income-no-kids.

Maybe a little more celebration of my gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered neighbours as my neighbours, independent of their disposable income (or lack thereof) is in order.

To that end, let's party!

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Business

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Jet deal cancelled

Bombardier Inc. said Thursday that it scrapped a large Learjet contract with Jet Republic after the upstart private aviation company declared insolvency, underlining the ongoing turbulence in the business jet market.

The contract for 25 Learjet 60 XR mid-sized jets accounted for $240 million US of Bombardier's backlog. If the options for 85 more jets had been exercised, it would have been worth up to $1.5 billion.

The jets were due to enter service over the course of the next two years, starting in October 2009.

The Montreal-based aerospace and transportation company's aerospace's backlog stood at $22.4 billion as of April 30.

"The order was among the largest single business jet orders Bombardier had ever recorded," Cameron Doerksen, an analyst at Versant Partners, said in a note to clients. REUTERS

Barnes & Noble puts off forecasts

BOOKS Barnes & Noble Inc.'s quarterly profit did not fall as much as expected, but its shares skidded as sales kept sliding and the retailer put off updating its annual forecast to around Oct. 1 as it prepares to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers.

Last week, Barnes & Noble announced plans to buy Barnes & Noble College Booksellers for $596 million, a move that would expand its store base and provide entry into the digital textbook arena.

Traditional booksellers like Barnes & Noble are facing increased pressure from online retailers, especially from web giant Amazon.com Inc. At the same time, consumers have cut back on discretionary purchases, including books. REUTERS

Business in brief

TRADE Canadian wholesale trade rose for the first time in nine months in June, up 0.6 per cent from May on higher sales of auto products, food, drink and tobacco, Statistics Canada said Thursday. Automotive products sales rose by 3.3 per cent from May, but were still 24.6 per cent below June 2008. The food, beverages and tobacco products sector rose 1.8 per cent from May, mainly on higher sales of food. REUTERS

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Sports

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Choice not up to par

Golf's inclusion in Olympics just a cash grab

I saw Alex Baumann, one of Canada's greatest Olympians, the other day in Dartmouth, N.S., at the World Sprint Canoe Championships. The legendary swimmer and I witnessed another Canadian Olympic icon, Adam van Koeverden, as he won a bronze medal in his kayak despite nursing a badly broken ankle.

"Can you believe golf's back in the Olympics?" I asked Baumann.

He shook his head in amazement and turned his attention to what was happening out on the surface of beautiful Lake Banook.

Although it's a great game, golf is not — repeat not — Olympic.

Sure it was, at one time, played in Olympic competition and a Canadian named George Lyon won the gold medal in St. Louis back in 1904. But remember, there was also motor boat racing at the Olympics and polo and croquet, for goodness' sake. Like golf, these are not Olympic pursuits, but rather pastimes of the privileged few.

"The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others."

Golf's anticipated re-entry to the Olympic family in time for the 2016 Games-reeks of another money grab. The IOC's return to the country club mentality is an attempt to capitalize on the star power of Tiger Woods and a few others. Meanwhile, women ski jumpers can't get a sniff of gender equality or place their sport in the Vancouver 2010 Olympics. It's hypocritical to say the least.

When will the people who currently run the Olympics understand that the Games are the pinnacle of athletic achievement? To be Olympic champion is an exalted state. For the likes of Woods it would merely be a feather in his Nike festooned cap. For golfers it's the Masters or the British Open that matter most — not the Olympics.

One of the founders of the modern Games, Pierre de Coubertin, once uttered the following words. "All sports for all people," he declared. "In no way can sport be considered a luxury object."

It's doubtful he was talking about golf and the Olympics in the same breath.

Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons. He has covered professional and amateur sports including nine Olympic games and numerous world championships.

Track Bolt breaks another record

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Usain Bolt of Jamaica crosses the line to win the gold medal in the men's 200 metres final during Day 6 of the 12th IAAF World Athletics Championships in Berlin. Bolt set a new world record of 19.19 seconds.

Sports in brief

TRACK South Africa's ruling party leapt on Thursday to the defence of a world champion runner undergoing a gender verification test, saying she was the country's "golden girl" and a role model for young athletes. Caster Semenya won the women's world 800 metres title with a crushing performance in Berlin on Wednesday.

TENNIS Roger Federer survived a scare at the Cincinnati Masters on Thursday before recovering to beat Spaniard David Ferrer 3-6 6-3 6-4 in the third round. Ferrer broke in the fourth game of the decider to lead 3-1 but the top seed broke back immediately and again in the ninth game before serving out the match to reach the quarter-finals.

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Serena cruises

World No. 2 Serena Williams raced into the quarter-finals of the Rogers Cup on Thursday with a 6-1, 6-4 demolition of Ukrainian Alona Bondarenko.

Williams needed only 64 minutes on a blustery centre court to dispose of the world No. 33 and restore a bit of family honour after the Ukrainian's sister Kateryna had knocked out older sibling Venus in the second round.

Back on centre court just 15 hours after a second round victory over Yaroslava Shvedova, the Wimbledon and Australian Open champion charged to a 5-0 lead on her way to taking the opening set.

The American broke Bondarenko at the start of the second, but then suffered a momentary lapse, allowing her opponent back into the contest as the Ukrainian swept the next three games.

Williams, however, was quickly back on track winning the last three games to clinch the match and set up a quarter-final meeting with Czech qualifier Lucie Safarova, who advanced with a 7-6, 6-4 win over China's Zheng Jie.

"I was trying to be perfect and just couldn't get my serve in and I got frustrated," said Williams explaining her second set blip. "I thought I played pretty well yesterday, I was a little disappointed in myself today after playing so well."

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BoSox complete sweep of Jays

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BASEBALL J.D. Drew went 4-for-4 with a pair of homers and drove in three runs to help the Boston Red Sox sweep the Toronto Blue Jays in a three-game series with an 8-1 victory.

Jon Lester (10-7) threw a gem to get the win, going eight frames and giving up a run on three hits with five strikeouts compared with two walks.

Victor Martinez added a solo homer — his second in as many days.

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What a Basterd

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There are parts of Quentin Tarantino's Inglourious Basterds — featuring Mélanie Laurent, seen here — that are brilliant, but there are just as many that fall flat. If that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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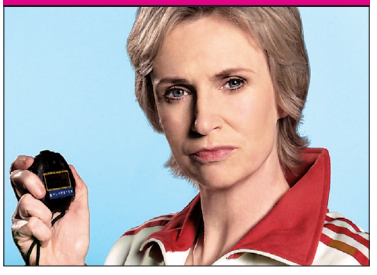

Jane Lynch hangs her hat on a hilarious new TV show.

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Little glory in Basterds

Brad Pitt's character leads a team of American Jews in a revenge mission against Nazis in Inglourious Basterds.

Inglourious Basterds
Director: Quentin Tarantino
Stars: Brad Pitt, Eli Roth
Classification: 14A
Rating: ⊕⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

There are parts of Inglourious Basterds — Quentin Tarantino's intentionally audacious fusing of spaghetti westerns and Second World War epics — that are brilliant. But there are just as many parts surrounding them that fall flat.

Tarantino loves playing with audience expectations as to who lives and dies, and here it can get frustrating, with time and dialogue lavished on seemingly important characters who get snuffed out with minimal fanfare.

It's interesting, then, that the most compelling person in the film, the villain Col. Landa (Christoph Waltz), is pure convention: A smiling, charming and deliciously evil Nazi. That the character pops off the screen so well is all thanks to the incredible performance Austrian-born Waltz delivers. He commands the audience's attention, and richly rewards them for it.

His first chance to shine is perhaps the film's brightest moment, an opening sequence set in a French farmhouse in which Landa interrogates a farmer who may or may not be hiding a Jewish family. As a standalone scene, it is perhaps Tarantino's best ever.

Conversely, another standalone scene, set in a German basement tavern, literally splits the film down the middle, killing any momentum built up and cancelling out much of the work the story had done. It's quite frustrating — and the new best example of Tarantino's chronic self-indulgence going horribly wrong.

Two main sticking points keep Basterds from succeeding as a whole. The first is the name. The film is being sold on Brad Pitt's titular team of American Jews on a mission of brutal revenge against Nazis. Except they're supporting characters at best, and most of their action takes place off-screen. (Of the eight Basterds, half don't even have dialogue.)

The other main problem is the intertwining of plot threads — or lack thereof. The climax of the film brings the biggest names of the Third Reich to a movie premiere in Paris, and we've watched two different groups of heroes plot to use the event to end the war.

Without giving too much away, the two plots don't so much converge or complicate each other as cancel each other out. It's monumentally unsatisfying. And if that's Tarantino's way of playing with our expectations, maybe he's playing a bit rough.

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Post Grad failure across the board

Post Grad
Director: Vicky Jenson
Stars: Alexis Bledel, Michael Keaton
Classification: PG
Rating: ⊕⊕

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Zach Gilford plays Alexei Bledel's BFF and love interest in Post Grad, directed by Vicky Jenson.

REVIEW It's tough pinpointing the most obnoxious part of Post Grad, a tale of 20-something self-absorption and misplaced priorities that has become more relevant than it deserves to be thanks to the recession. But the most offensive part, by far, is the wasted talent cast as the family of Alexis Bledel's titular college graduate.

The filmmakers somehow managed to hook Michael Keaton, Jane Lynch and Carol Burnett, all comedic forces in their own right, to play the "quirky" father, mother and grandmother of Ryden Malby (Bledel). And honestly, they all deserve much, much better.

They try their best to create some oddball charm during haphazardly raised and dropped subplots, but all they get in return is Ryden's exasperation and embarrassment.

As for Ryden herself, she tells us everything we need to know about her in a quickie video blog over the opening credits. She's had a plan since grade school, and everything is going according to that plan. Now that college is over, her next step is to land a job at "the top publishing company in Los Angeles."

While her career drama unfolds, we as the audience are supposed to agonize over Ryden not seeing the wonderful guy right in front of her, lovelorn BFF Adam (Zach Gilford). The only problem is Gilford has zero charisma on screen, and the character is a humourless, self-righteous twerp who stalks around casting judgment on everyone.

All of this might be worth overlooking if the story followed any sort of logic.

But no, instead we watch Ryden get beat out for her dream job, apply for a series of demoralizing gigs, complain about her family, and mope.

Then, through no effort of her own, she suddenly gets her dream job after all. Not that it matters, since after a brief "excelling at work" montage, she gives it all up just as suddenly to follow her heart. And we're left feeling sorry for Keaton, Lynch and Burnett.

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Nothing compelling about Girl from Monaco

The Girl from Monaco
Director: Anne Fontaine
Stars: Fabrice Luchini, Roschdy Zem
Classification: STC
Rating: ⊕½

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

A scene from The Girl from Monaco.

REVIEW In The Girl From Monaco, Fabrice Luchini plays Bertrand, a high-profile lawyer defending a wealthy woman accused of murder. There's just one problem: the sexy, local TV weathergirl may be zapping his concentration.

And that's sort of it. Sure, there's the stern bodyguard (Roschdy Zem) that Bertrand befriends despite his mysterious sexual past with the ditzy meteorologist (Louise Bourgoin). But otherwise, this French comic-thriller doesn't cross-examine much new material.

In fact, where the potential lies for great suspense (we're reminded occasionally that the Mafia wants Bertrand killed), the adventure never really arrives just as the laughs never fully materialize, Luchini's frequent stupefied expression notwithstanding.

I appreciate that director Anne Fontaine wants to establish that obsession can ruin people's lives, however in the end, I'm not sure what's supposed to be so compelling about the girl from Monaco. Yes, she's beautiful, sexually-playful even, but would it have hurt to make her at least slightly more interesting than a bag of stale croissants?

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Zemeckis aboard Yellow Submarine

Disney has tapped director Robert Zemeckis to remake the Beatles' 1968 animated feature Yellow Submarine. Zemeckis will utilize the same 3-D performance-capture techniques that he employed in The Polar Express and Beowulf. **EW.COM**

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Everything kids could wish for

Shorts

Director: Robert Rodriguez
Stars: Jimmy Bennett, Jon Cryer
Classification: STC
Rating:

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

There's no debate about filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's extreme diversity. Whether its violent thrillers like Sin City or hyperkinetic juvenile triumphs like Spy Kids, the man has proven skills with imagination to boot.

And I'm not even talking about the fact that he writes, edits, scores and just about does everything short of making the crew's sandwiches on his movies.

Now, with Shorts, he's returned to testing the kiddy market with a chronologically-challenged fable about a rainbow-coloured rock that allows those in its possession anything they wish for.

For a young outcast like Toe Thompson (Jimmy Bennett), that kind of opportunity opens a world without braces and an end to the bullying.

But when the rock falls into other hands, suddenly the neighbourhood kids must save the world from a corporate megalomaniac (James Spader), bipedal crocodiles and a carelessly flung snotball that morphs into a huge, hideous monster.

In short, the lesson is "be careful what you wish for."

While Rodriguez's message is simple (it's for kids after all), the film's structure is far from it.

With the visual splash of a Tiny Toons cartoon, the moral tone of a Dr. Seuss fable and its unadulterated aim at creating cinematic chaos as amusement, Rodriguez's latest adventure won't short-change the kids on fun.

However, their adult companions may find that Shorts' frantic, over-the-top pace may just short-circuit your synapses.

• For Shorts photos, a trailer and screen times — or to buy tickets — visit metronews.ca/movies

Filmmaker Robert Rodriguez returns to Spy Kids territory with Shorts, starring Jimmy Bennett and James Spader.

Ghost writer working on Resurrection

SCREENPLAY The Oscar-winning screenwriter of Ghost, Bruce Joel Rubin has been hired to write the DreamWorks adaptation of the Japanese cult hit Resurrection.

Akihiko Shiota's 2003 supernaturally themed pic centred on a town in which people who have been dead for decades come back to life. Instead of engaging in zombie behaviour, though, the townspeople simply return to their normal lives as though nothing changed.

Rubin, who already has written an elaborate treatment for the project, will offer the kind of emotionally centred take for which he's known. In addition to Ghost, he wrote the early-'90s drama Jacob's Ladder and most recently penned the Eric Bana/Rachel McAdams love story The Time Traveler's Wife.

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Candid portrait of fashion's emperor

PHIL BROWN
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FEATURE In the fashion world few names evoke as much awe and respect as Valentino Garavani. The Italian designer was a world leader in the field for 45 years, became a billionaire, and lives like royalty.

It's not surprising that Valentino would eventually become the subject of a documentary, but what is surprising is that Matt Tyrnauer's Valentino: The Last Emperor is a candid portrait of the designer that reveals him to be stubborn and a control freak in addition to a genius.

The movie isn't an attack on Valentino's immaculate reputation, but an intimate portrayal of him as a human being.

As you'd expect, shooting a film like this about such a guarded public figure wasn't easy. "He almost quit every day and threatened to cut us off frequently," says director Matt Tyrnauer. The filmmaker often had to pretend he didn't shoot certain footage and constantly had to reassure Valentino during filming.

"I kept saying to him, 'If you don't seem human no one will like you. They'll hate you by the end of the film because you'll seem like Marie Antoinette. So it's OK to seem less then perfect.'"

It shouldn't come as a shock the first-time director was able to gain such access and insight into the life of Valentino given that he has been doing it for years as a profile writer for Vanity Fair. In fact, the origins of the movie can be traced back to an article on the designer that Tyrnauer wrote for that magazine. It was while writing that piece that he discovered the unique symbiotic relationship between Valentino and his longtime business partner Giancarlo Giammetti.

The movie became a study of these two unique characters with Tyrnauer's ever present cameras capturing both their opulent lifestyle and the occasionally tumultuous working relationship of two perfectionists. It wasn't the puff piece that Valentino and Giancarlo expected and they were caught off guard when they finally saw the movie.

"They hated it," laughs Tyrnauer. "There wasn't enough fashion, there wasn't enough glamour, and there wasn't enough celebrity. But I refused to change anything."

Legendary fashion designer Valentino Garavani, seen here with actress Anne Hathaway, is profiled in the documentary Valentino: The Last Emperor, directed by Matt Tyrnauer.

"(Valentino) almost quit every day and threatened to cut us off frequently."
Matt Tyrnauer

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Shazam! closer to silver screen
Bill Birch has been brought on board to write a script for DC Comic's Shazam!, about a teenager named Billy Batson who can transform into the ultra-powerful, ultra-built Captain Marvel. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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'It's really, really dark'

Rob Zombie ditches campy humour in Halloween 2

CHRIS ALEXANDER
for Metro Canada

Like his cultural contemporary Quentin Tarantino, writer/director/rockstar Rob Zombie has fashioned a career and forged a legacy out of his undying love for classic trash cinema.

The platinum-selling shock rock guru (beloved for both his solo work and the long defunct band he fronted, White Zombie) and filmmaker had already amassed a cult following for his ultraviolent, cruel horror pictures like House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects.

But it was with his 2007 remake of John Carpenter's seminal 1978 indie slasher Halloween, that he really hit box office gold, and, in turn, was taken seriously as a major Hollywood player.

Movie **feature**

Though he swore he wouldn't, Zombie has now revisited that controversial genre redux territory with Halloween 2 — opening next Friday. The supposedly leaner, gorier follow-up is, Zombie insists, a radical departure from his semi-faithful original.

"The difference between this film and the first is the difference between House of 1000 Corpses and The Devils Rejects," says the director. "I didn't care what people's expectations were and I didn't care about the Halloweens that had come before. I had complete creative control to do whatever what I wanted."

Halloween 2 opens in theatres next Friday

Halloween 2 continues the sick saga of psychologically damaged Laurie Strode (Scout Taylor-Compton), who is still trying to evade the homicidal rampage of her deranged masked serial killer brother Michael Myers (Tyler Mane).

Outside of his two leads, the director has also reassembled many of his other surviving cast members, including the legendary Malcom McDowell who reprises his turn as the wild eyed Dr. Loomis.

"I think that directors like to work with the same actors all the time, because the performances they give are that much more dynamic." Zombie says.

"In the first film, working with … Malcom and Scout, we had just met and it was all professional. This time however, we broke through that wall and the results of that relationship are on the screen."

"I didn't care about the Halloweens that had come before."
Director Rob Zombie

And even though past Zombie efforts — much like the campy, hillbilly horror persona he's long employed — have had their tongues firmly wedged in their bloody cheeks, the filmmaker claims that Halloween 2 will be a decidedly grim, oppressive experience.

"There is absolutely no humour in this movie. It's really, really dark."

Tyler Mane stars as serial killer Michael Myers in Halloween 2.

Solid intro to music genre

Rocksteady: **The Roots of Reggae**

Director: Stacha Bader
Classification: STC
Rating: ●●●

ADAM NAYMAN
for Metro Canada

Those who think that the history of Jamaican music begins (and ends) with Bob Marley would do well to check out Rocksteady: Stascha Bader's documentary frames its titular song-style as the bridge between more widely recognized movements like ska and reggae.

Rocksteady sounds very much like its name suggests — a sturdy, easy beat tailor-made for swaying — but it came out of a tumultuous period in Jamaican history.

Through a combination of interviews and archival footage, Bader illustrates how the island nation's official independence from Britain in the early 1960s and the subsequent rise of Rastafarianism gave rise to a new rhythmic form.

It also reunites a number of the genre's original practitioners and gives them a chance to strut their stuff.

Many musicians participate in the documentary Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae, directed by Stascha Bader.

Bader could not have made the film without the participation of several dozen singers legends gathered for a concert in Kingston; in addition to offering their reflections on the past, these performers show that they're still very potent in the present.

The songs are in some cases more familiar than the performers, but it's doubtful that anyone will be thinking of Boney M when they hear Rivers of Babylon as interpreted by the venerable Hopeton Lewis (Marcia Griffith's rendition of The Tide is High wrestles Blondie to a draw).

Rocksteady does meander at times (as in a compelling but superfluous sequence featuring Bob Marley's wife, Rita), but it serves as a valuable introduction to a valuable musical genre.

Dirty Dancing again?

Work is reportedly underway on a Dirty Dancing remake. Lionsgate studio chiefs have asked Uptown Girls writer Julia Dahl to come up with a script for a new version of the 1987 classic dance movie, which starred Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Reel Time

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Never a dull moment with Tarantino

Quentin Tarantino doesn't care if you like him or his movies.

"My films are unabashedly about myself and you're either going to like them or go against them," he says, "but that's OK because I like me."

Tarantino's films — Pulp Fiction, Jackie Brown and Kill Bill Vol. 1 and 2, to name a few — sharply polarize people. For every person who gets all aquiver at the prospect of a new picture from the Reservoir Dogs director, there's another who thinks his movies are too long, too self-indulgent and too derivative.

Despite those criticisms, fair or not, there can be no argument that of all the brand name directors working today Tarantino is the most audacious. His films are a singular vision and this weekend's Inglourious Basterds is no exception.

His films are unapologetically bloody, in-your-face talky and ripe with larger-than-life characters, and perhaps it's those qualities that rub certain people the wrong way.

He refuses to play it safe and take the Michael Bay road churning out Hasbro movies. He's told interviewers he would die to make his movies perfect, and I believe him, but I'm a fan.

Not all critics are. Writer Ryan Gilbey said Death Proof represented "a sort of embarrassment of riches, only without the riches," and more recently the Guardian called Inglourious Basterds "an armor-plated turkey." Everyone is entitled to his or her opinion, but I think the Tarantino hecklers miss the point.

Harvey Keitel in Reservoir Dogs, the film that heralded the arrival of Quentin Tarantino.

Tarantino is a provocateur who excels when he doesn't play nice with the audience. Unlike the vast majority of films at the local bijou, his films demand something from an audience; they demand to be noticed and argued about over coffee (or something stronger) afterward. Many films fade quickly from memory, but, like them or not, Tarantino's don't.

When he's at his best— Reservoir Dogs, Pulp Fiction and Inglourious Basterds — the movies are transformative cinematic experiences, but even when he's not in top form — say, Death Proof — his work is, as critic Peter Bradshaw said, "more interesting than the successes of dullards and middleweights churning out Identikit films by the truckload."

"You're either going to like them or go against them."
Quentin Tarantino on his films

Tarantino's films aren't for everyone, but it's undeniable that he takes movies seriously.

So seriously in fact, that the heroine in Inglourious Basterds is a cinema owner who literally uses film to bring down the Third Reich. I love that.

Say what you will, you can never accuse Tarantino of being boring.

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From cameo to lead

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Comedian 'carries' Woodstock

Martin dishes on role in Ang Lee's film on concert

DOROTHY ROBINSON
for Metro Canada

Movie **feature**

Eugene Levy, left, and Demetri Martin star in Ang Lee's Taking Woodstock.

Demetri Martin knows how to do many things. He knows how to tell a joke (as seen on his Comedy Central show Important Things with Demetri Martin). He knows how to play a guitar (if you've ever seen his stand-up, you know that he punctuates his droll one-liners with a well-played guitar). And Martin is smart (he's a Yale grad).

Perhaps the one thing Martin doesn't really know to do is how to carry a film, which leads to the question: Why did famed director Ang Lee tap him to helm his new movie Taking Woodstock?

"It was all very unexpected," says the youthful Martin, who admits to not being a trained actor, while on a press junket in New York City. "I didn't know that this project existed or that Ang knew anything about me or what I do."

As it turned out, it was a teenaged fan with a slight crush on the comedian who tipped off the Oscar-winning director.

"James (Schamus, Lee's longtime collaborator) introduced me to him, because his teenaged daughter liked him and she got him to watch clips on YouTube and thought he was very funny and cute," says Lee of Martin in slightly broken English. "I just believed the story would happen to him. And I liked the challenge, not necessarily of taking a comedian, but just of him, of him taking us through the party."

And as the history books prove, oh what a party it was. And it's up to Martin, as the meek Elliot Teichberg who just happens to volunteer his family's motel to be the home base for the three-day concert, to carry the viewer through the life-changing bash.

"Ang reminded me of that sometimes — 'You are carrying this film,'" laughs Martin. "This 'carry' verb kept coming up. And I'm like, 'What's this carrying business?' I started to understand when we started the shoot because I worked every day. You're this constant figure."

In the end, does Martin pull that "carry" verb off? During our interview, he seemed unsure, but he did say he got through it by "putting all of my faith in Ang."

"I kept thinking of the Karate Kid because he was like this sensei who was like, 'Do this with your arms.' And you're like, 'Okay, so what does that do?'" Martin recounts. "I just tried to be a student this whole time and follow their lead and trust that they found someone to do what they wanted. I didn't come in saying, 'I figured out the character, and here's what I'm going to do, Ang.' It was more like, 'Okay, what do you want me to do? Walk faster? Okay!'"

Mob film facing lawsuit

LEGAL TANGLE A mob drama film project finds itself at the centre of a legal controversy after a real-life informant filed a lawsuit seeking damages as well as an injunction that would stop the release of a potential movie.

Linda Schiro, the former mistress of the late Colombo crime family member Gregory Scarpa, filed the suit Tuesday in California Superior Court in Los Angeles alleging that she'd been promised $150,000 as a consultant on the Morgan Creek movie about Scarpa.

Schiro alleged that there was a verbal agreement that prompted her to give interviews to screenwriter Nicolas Pileggi (Casino) and director Antoine Fuqua in the interest of making the movie more authentic. Fuqua (Training Day) is a filmmaker known for spending time with real-life cops and criminals as part of his research.

"Morgan Creek made said promises with the intent to defraud plaintiffs, and for the purpose of inducing plaintiffs to rely upon said promises by providing interviews with the producers, screenwriter and director," the suit alleges.

Schiro attorney Perry Wander noted that there were repeated conversations with filmmakers that entitle his client to a cut of the picture.

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Linda Schiro's lawsuit against Morgan Creek

"My client has sat down with Antoine Fuqua, Nick Pileggi and (producer) Irwin Winkler two or three times and had dozens of phone conversations with them," Wander said.

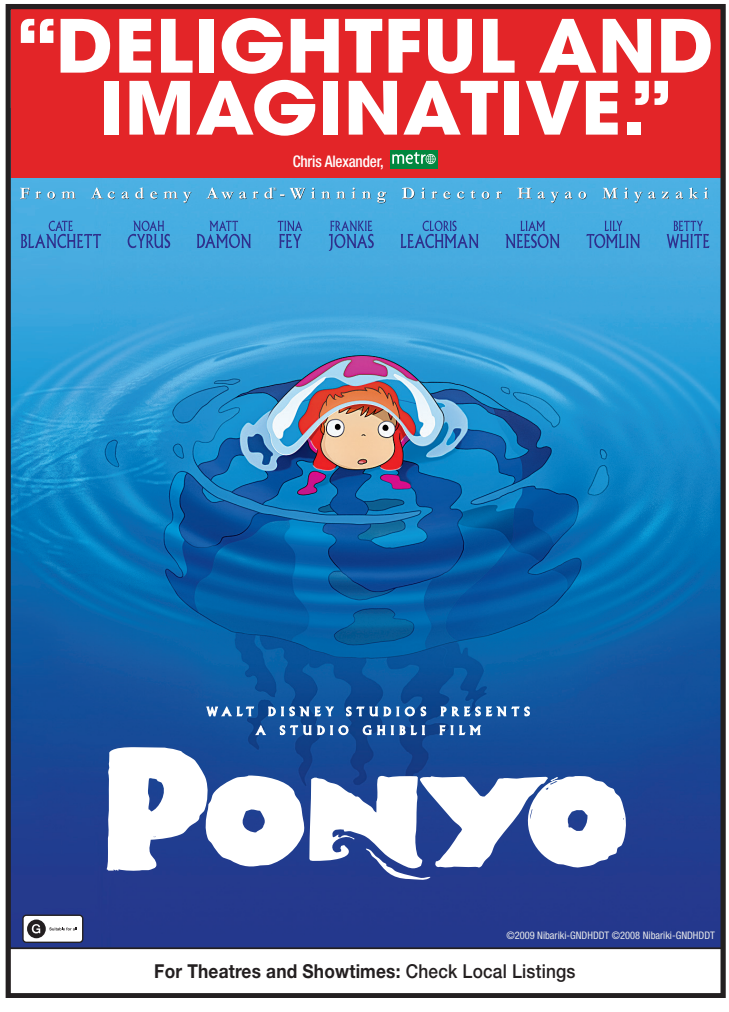
The production company, for its part, says that it has not been served with papers and couldn't comment on specifics, but plans to move forward with the project. "The suit isn't slowing down the process," said a representative for the banner. Fuqua and Pileggi are continuing to meet regarding the project.

Some familiar with the project said that Nicolas Cage had a deal with Morgan Creek to star, but the company said it is still casting and has made no offers yet.

The Scarpa movie, details of which were previously unknown to many in Hollywood, would centre on the late gangster, who carried out dozens of hits on behalf of Colombo family honcho Carmine "Junior" Persico over three decades before dying in prison in 1994. Scarpa also had a relationship with FBI agent Lindley DeVecchio, who, according to the government, passed along proprietary information to the mob in exchange for intelligence.

Schiro was Scarpa's longtime mistress and testified on behalf of the government against DeVecchio, in a case that was eventually dropped because of contradictions in Schiro's testimony.

The lawsuit illustrates the problems with making a fact-based drama, when a screenwriter has a wealth of material from which to draw but a studio can face disgruntled real-life characters. Some of the police officers depicted in Universal's American Gangster, for instance, sued the studio for defamation of character. REUTERS



Screen Times

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OTTAWA

BYTOWNE CINEMA
325 Rideau St., 613-789-3456

Away We Go (14A) Fri 4:45 Sat 2:45 Sun 4:20
Chéri (14A) Thu 9:10
La fille de Monaco (STC) Fri 6:55 Sat 4:55-9:20 Sun 6:30 Mon 6:50 Tue 6 Wed 9:05 Thu 5-7:05
Three Monkeys (14A) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 2-8:35 Mon 4:30-8:55
Woodstock (STC) Tue 8:05 Wed 5:30

CANADIAN FILM INSTITUTE
2 Daly Ave., Suite 120, 613-232-6727

Akasha Gopuram (STC) Fri 7
Singh Is Kinng (PG) Sat 7
Taare Zameen Par (PG) Sun 7

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF NATURE
240 McLeod St., 613-566-4700

Creature Features Volume 2: Armory, Ears, Feathers & Scales, Fur & Skin, Headgear (STC) Fri-Thu 9:30-10:30 Fri-Thu 10-11
Power of the Earth: Rare Earth (STC) Fri-Tue 11:30-1:30-3:30 Wed-Thu 6 Fri-Tue 12:30-2:30-4:30 Wed-Thu 7

CENTRETOWN MOVIES
Dundonald Park, 512 Somerset St. W., 613-232-1534, centretownmovies.org

Hummingbird Fri 9
C.R.A.Z.Y. and **Lustrale** Sat 9

COLISEUM OTTAWA
3090 Carling Ave., 613-596-9475

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Sat 3:50-9 Sun 3:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-9
District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-4:40-7:30-10:20
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-5-7:20-9:40
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:20-6:40-9:30
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:45-10:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-4:10-8
Inglourious Basterds (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-1-3:30-4:30-7-8:15-10:30
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4-6:50-9:45 Sun 1:10-4-9:45 Mon-Thu 1:10-4-6:50-9:45
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:10-7:40-10
Shorts (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:50-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Wed 1:40-4:20-7:10-9:50 Thu 4:20-7:10-9:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Sat 1:20-6:30 Sun 1:20-6:50 Mon-Thu 1:20-6:30
WWE Summerslam - 2009 (STC) Sun 8

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 12:30-3:20-7:20-9:40
Inglourious Basterds (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:30-6:30-9:45
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:40-9:35
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 1:20-4:10-7-9:20
Post Grad (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:40-6:45-9:10
Rent (PG) Tue 7
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Mon 1-4-6:50-9:30 Tue-Wed 1-4-6:50-9:50 Thu 1-4-6:50-9:30
To Wong Foo, Thanks for Everything, Julie Newmar (STC) Wed 7
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Mon 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:15 Tue-Wed 1:10-4:20-9:15 Thu 1:10-4:20-7:10-9:15

MAYFAIR THEATRE
1074 Bank St., 613-730-3403,

Broadway Danny Rose (STC) Sat 5 Mon 7:15
Easy Virtue (PG) Wed-Thu 7
The Girlfriend Experience (14A) Fri 7 Sat 9:10 Sun 7 Tue 7
Golgo 13 (STC) Fri 11
Moon (14A) Tue 9 Wed-Thu 9:10
The Purple Rose of Cairo (STC) Sun 5 Mon 9
Q: The Winged Serpent (STC) Sat 11
Rocksteady: The Roots of Reggae (STC) Fri 9 Sat 7 Sun 9

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 3:40-9:10
Monsters vs. Aliens (PG) Sat 11
My Sister's Keeper (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-12:50-6:30
Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian (PG) Fri-Thu 10-12:05-2:15-7
Orphan (14A) Fri-Thu 4:30-9:20
Public Enemies (14A) Fri-Thu 3:30-8:55
Star Trek (PG) Fri-Thu 10:10-12:40-6:40
Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen (PG) Fri 10:40-2-5-8 Sat 2-5-8 Sun-Thu 10:40-2-5-8
Up (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:25-2:35-4:55-7:10-9:30

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

District 9 (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 3:45-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 12:30-3:45-6:45-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:30
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 3:30-6:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 12:45-3:30-6:30-9:15 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:15
Shorts (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 4-6:55-9 SDDS Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 1-4-6:55-9 SDDS Digital, No Passes Mon-Thu 4-6:55-9

SOUTH KEYS
2214 Bank St., 613-736-1115

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 11-6:50
District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:45-1:25-4:15-7:30-10:10
Funny People (14A) Fri-Thu 2:35-9:30
G-Force (STC) Fri-Thu 10:25-1:10-3:40-7-9:15
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 10:55-1:35-4:20-7:15-10:05
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 10:35-1:05-3:15-6:30-9:45
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 11:15-2:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:15-11:20-1:30-2:45-4:45-6:15-8-9:40
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-1:20-4:10-7:10-9:55
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:05-1:15-3:30-6:25-9:50
Shorts (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:40-12:55-3:10-6:45-9:20
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Thu 10:20-1-3:45-6:55-9:35
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 7:05-9:25

GATINEAU

CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

Merveilles des Mers (STC) Fri 1 Sat 1-6 Sun 1 Mon 1-6 Tue 1 Wed 1-9 Thu 1-7
Mysteres des Grands Lacs (STC) Fri 10-4-8 Sat-Sun 10-4 Mon 4-7 Tue 4-8 Wed 10-4 Thu 4
Mysteries of the Great Lakes (STC) Fri 12-3-6 Sat 12-3-8 Sun 12-3-6 Mon 10-12-3-8 Tue 10-12-3-6-9 Wed 12-3-6-8 Thu 10-12-3-6
Star Trek (G) Sat 9 Sun 8 Thu 9
Star Trek v.f. (G) Fri 9
Under the Sea (STC) Fri-Sun 11-2-5-7 Mon 11-2-5-9 Tue-Wed 11-2-5-7 Thu 11-2-5-8

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 12:40-3-6:40-9
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:20-6:50-9:20
Les grandes chaleurs (STC) Fri-Thu 1-3:10-7-9:10
Les pieds dans le vide (STC) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Des extraterrestres dans le Grenier (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:30-3-6:15-7:45
Je t'aime, Beth Cooper (13+) Fri-Thu 1:50-3:35-7:05-8:50
Là-Haut (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:45-5:20
OSS 117: Rio ne répond plus (G) Fri-Thu 4:30-9:15
La proposition (G) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7:20-9:10
Transformers: La revanche (G) Fri-Thu 3:30-6:05-8:35
Une nuit au musée: la bataille du Smithsonian (G) Fri-Thu 12-1:45-5:35

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) and **Dance Flick** (13+) Fri-Tue
Les pieds dans le vide (G) and **OSS 117: Rio ne répond plus** (G) Fri-Tue
Gates and restaurant open at 7:30. Show starts at dusk.

GATINEAU 9
120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Le commando des bâtards (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-3:15-8
De père en flic (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:40-7-9:35
District 9 vf (13+) No Passes Fri-Thu 1:10-3:45-7:15-9:40
Les doigts croches (G) Fri-Wed 12:30-3-6:20-8:45 Thu 12:30-3-6:20
G.I. Joe: Le réveil du Cobra (STC) Fri-Thu 1:20-4-6:45-9:25
Les grandes chaleurs (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:05-7:25-9:50
Halloween II vf (STC) Sneak Preview Thu 10
Harry Potter et le Prince de sang-mêlé (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:30-8:15
Les pieds dans le vide (G) Fri-Thu 1:25-3:50-7:10-9:45
Le temps n'est rien (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:25-6:30-9

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Bandslam (G) Fri-Thu 12:25
De père en flic (G) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-7:25-10:10
District 9 (13+) Fri-Thu 1-3:35-7:15-9:55
Les doigts croches (G) Fri-Thu 1:10-3:40-7:20-10:05
G.I. Joe: Le réveil du Cobra (STC) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:40-6:50-9:25
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (STC) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:05-7:10-9:45-10
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (13+) Fri-Thu 7:45-10:15
Les grandes chaleurs (G) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:30
Halloween II (STC) Thu 10
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (G) Fri-Thu 12-3:25-6:40
Inglourious Basterds (13+) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:20-6:30-9:40
Julie & Julia (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-2:55-6:35-9:30
L'heure de vérité (STC) Fri-Thu 4-7-9:15
L'ère de glace: L'aube des dinosaures (G) Fri-Thu 12:45
Opération G-Force 3D (G) Fri-Thu 12:40-2:45-5-7:05-9:10
Les pieds dans le vide (G) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7:30-9:50
Post Grad (G) Fri-Thu 1:05-3:10-5:30-7:40-10:20
Shorts (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:35-4:40-7:35-9:35
The Time Traveler's Wife (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-3-6:55-9:20
The Ugly Truth (13+) Fri-Thu 3:15-6:45-9

BARRHAVEN

BARRHAVEN CINEMAS
131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 3:30-9:20
District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-4-7:30-10:10
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:15
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:20-6:30-9:50
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Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-3:50-6:40-9:30
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4:10-7:10-10 Thu 4:10-7:10-10 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri-Thu 12:50-6:50

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

(500) Days of Summer (PG) Fri-Tue 12:55-3:10-6:25-9:35 Wed 12:55-3:10-9:35 Thu 12:55-3:10-6:25-9:35
Bandslam (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-6:20
District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-1:30-3:15-4:25-6:35-7:35-9:20-10:25
G-Force in Disney Digital 3D (STC) Fri-Thu 12:10-2:30-4:45-7:10-9:25
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-4-7:20-10:15
The Goods: Live Hard. Sell Hard. (14A) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:40-7:25-9:55
The Hangover (14A) Fri-Sat 3:20-9 Sun 3:20 Mon-Thu 3:20-9
Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince: The IMAX Experience (PG) Fri-Thu 12-3:30-7-10:30
Inglourious Basterds (14A) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:05-1:25-3:35-4:50-7:05-8:45-10:35
Julie & Julia (PG) Fri-Sat 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40 Sun 1:10-4:10-9:40 Mon-Thu 1:10-4:10-6:55-9:40
Metropolitan Opera: La Fille du Régiment (STC) Sat 12
Ponyo (G) Fri-Thu 12:15-3-7:15-9:45
Post Grad (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:35-2:50-5:10-7:40-10:10
Shorts (PG) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5-7:30-9:50
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Tue 1-3:55-6:40-10 Wed 3:55-6:40-10 Thu 1-3:55-6:40-10 Star & Strollers Screening Wed 1
The Ugly Truth (14A) Fri 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:10 Sat 3:45-6:30-9:10 Sun-Thu 1:20-3:45-6:30-9:10
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ORLEANS

ORLEANS TOWN CENTRE 6 CINEMAS
250 Centrum Blvd., 613-834-0666

District 9 (14A) No Passes Fri-Sun 12:10-3-6:30-9:20 Mon-Thu 3-6:30-9:20
G.I. Joe: The Rise of Cobra (PG) Fri-Sun 12:20-3:40-6:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-9:40
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The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) Fri-Sun 12:50-3:20-7:30-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:20-7:30-10:10 Thu 10

KANATA

KANATA 24
801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

(500) Days of Summer (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:35-1:55-4:35-7:20-9:40 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:55-4:35-7:20-9:40
Bandslam (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:05-1:50 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:50
District 9 (14A) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11-1-1:45-4-4:45-7-7:45-9:45-10:30 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1-1:45-4-4:45-7-7:45-9:45-10:30
Funny People (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 12:50-7:05
G-Force (STC) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:10-2:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2:10
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The Hangover (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:45-2:10-4:40-7:25-10:05 SDDS Digital Mon-Wed 2:10-4:40-7:25-10:05 SDDS Digital Thu 2:10-4:40
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Julie & Julia (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:05-12:45-1:50-4:05-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:55-10:25 SDDS Digital Mon-Wed 12:45-1:50-4:05-4:50-7:10-7:40-9:55-10:25 SDDS Digital Thu 12:45-1:50-4:05-7:10-9:55
Kaminey (PG) Special Engagement, Sub-Titled Fri-Sun 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Sub-Titled Mon-Wed 1:15-4:15-7:20-10:20 Sub-Titled Thu 1:15-4:15
Ponyo (G) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:15-2-4:40-7:25-10 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:40-7:25-10
Post Grad (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:50-2:20-5:05-7:30-9:55 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:20-5:05-7:30-9:55
The Proposal (PG) SDDS Digital Fri-Thu 4:55-7:40-10:20
Shorts (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:20-2:05-4:20-7-9:25 SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:05-4:20-7-9:25
The Time Traveler's Wife (PG) SDDS Digital, Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-1:30-2:15-4:05-4:50-7:05-7:35-9:45-10:15 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 1:30-2:15-4:05-4:50-7:05-7:35-9:45-10:15
The Ugly Truth (14A) SDDS Digital Fri-Sun 11:25-2-4:30-7:10-9:35 SDDS Digital Mon-Thu 2-4:30-7:10-9:35

Billboard's top albums
1. Twang, George Strait, right; **2.** Hot August Night/NYC, Neil Diamond; **3.** The E.N.D., The Black Eyed Peas; **4.** Hot Mess, Cobra Starship; **5.** Only By the Night, Kings of Leon. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Shiloh gets the Picture

CAM LINDSAY
for Metro Canada

Celine Dion, Frank Sinatra and Michael Jackson. What do these artists have in common? Well, if you were to ask the red and black haired spitfire from Regina, Sask., known simply as Shiloh, she'd tell you they're her biggest influences. That and "a lot of '80s music," thanks to her dad.

Her feisty, radio-friendly tunes like Operator (A Girl Like Me) and Goodbye, You Suck suggest this 16-year-old was raised on a steady diet of crunchy pop punk, but get her talking about Celine Dion and Shiloh is in awe.

"She's worked really hard to get to where she is today," she says. "(Celine's) extremely focused and stays in shape, and she's got an amazing voice, determination, motivation, and the drive to be the best she can be."

While Shiloh's just released her debut album, Picture Imperfect, the way she describes Canada's most successful export it's as if she's planning a similar path for her burgeoning career.

Shiloh live

• Shiloh plays the SuperEX at Lansdowne Park on Aug. 28.

After winning a radio contest in Edmonton, Shiloh signed a worldwide deal with Universal Republic and has spent the last two and a half years making the album. She calls it the "best feeling in the world" to finally have Picture Imperfect available to her growing legion of fans, so she can continue spreading a message that she feels is important to hear.

"The message is just being yourself and never letting that go because that's one thing that you can always keep," she says. "Nobody can take who you are away from you, no matter how you dress or who you are."

Though most of the album focuses on the importance of being yourself, Shiloh's favourite song is actually the kiss off anthem Goodbye, You Suck, which she wrote about an unsuspecting ex-boyfriend of hers. "It was to a guy I was with who was a complete and total jerk, so I wrote a song about it because I just hated him at the time," she says laughing. "I've talked to him in the last while and it's totally fine. It's a little bit awkward though because he asked me one day if the song was about him and I just said no."

The song will definitely be a crowd favourite on her 17-date headlining Canadian tour throughout August and September. "The tour is gonna be so exciting," she exclaims. "I'm looking forward to getting out there with the band to see all of my fans. They're gonna be energy packed shows. I like to call it an ADHD show because I like to run around and be crazy. It's gonna be absolutely amazing."

Picture Imperfect is the debut album from Shiloh.

Surviving the dog days of summer

SoundCheck

Alan Cross

metronews.ca/soundcheck

The last two weeks of August are a rather desperate time. Those who have already exhausted their summer vacations are grumpy over the prospect of no time off until Christmas.

If you're still with me after that cheerful preamble, here are a couple of musical things that may distract you from the fact that in two weeks, it'll be Labour Day:

New Radiohead: Something weird is going on with Thom and Co. First, for one pound sterling, you can download a song called Harry Patch (In Memory Of), dedicated to the passing of the last British First World War vet. Then, a second song called These Are My Twisted Words was leaked online by the band themselves along with some primitive ASCII artwork which may (or may not) point towards the release of a new EP called Wall of Ice. We'll see.

Solo Jack White: In the year's best music documentary, It Might Get Loud (wherein Jack, U2's The Edge and Jimmy Page of Led Zeppelin swap guitar stories), Jack was challenged to write and record a song before the cameras.

It took 10 minutes. Now people worldwide are buying Fly Farm Blues at 99 cents a pop on iTunes.

The iPad (or whatever they're going to call it): According to those who monitor Chinese and Taiwanese electronics manufacturing plants, Apple's mythical tablet — a combo music, movie, email device, web browser and ebook reader — could be in production.

U2 comes to North America: For the first time since 1984, they started a world tour in Europe. Reviews have been rapturous and The Claw stage has people gobsmacked. Things start in Chicago on Sept. 12.

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Whitney and Winfrey

Whitney Houston is coming to Oprah Winfrey's famous couch. Winfrey, 55, will welcome Houston as her first guest on the The Oprah Winfrey Show's 24th season, which airs Sept. 14. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Television

Jane Lynch top of her game in Glee

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Metro World News

Jane Lynch has had a busy month at the movies, stealing scenes alongside Carol Burnett in Post Grad and Meryl Streep in Julie & Julia.

But August is nothing compared to the exposure Lynch is set to receive come September, when the much-anticipated Fox series Glee starts up in earnest.

The first episode — which opens with Lynch's domineering, over-competitive cheerleading coach chastising her team with, "You think this is hard? Try being waterboarded." — got a boost to its profile thanks to a sneak preview after the American Idol season finale and some major support from TV critics and fans at last month's Comic Con.

Glee premieres Wednesday, Sept. 9 on Global

And Lynch has been a major part of the marketing for the ensemble show.

"I feel like I'm doing a lot of press," she says. But she's not complaining. "I'm not one of those people who's like, 'Deep down inside I'm really shy.'"

Though best known for standout roles in films like The 40-Year-Old Virgin and last year's Role Models, Lynch started 2009 firmly committed to moving to the small screen.

"My New Year's resolution was I want to hang my hat somewhere," she says. And that led her to taking part in two pilots, Glee and a Damon Wayans comedy for ABC that didn't see the light of day.

Jane Lynch stars in Glee.

"I didn't know if it would be Glee or the Damon Wayans thing or anything," she says. But when the little show about a bunch of high school outcasts breaking into song got picked up, Lynch says she was thrilled.

"I think (Glee) is just head and shoulders above anything that's on TV. I don't want to sound like I'm bragging, but it's really good."

The reason it's so good, she insists, has little to do with her (though many would argue that point). Lynch gives all the credit to her younger co-stars. "The kids are amazing," she gushes.

"These are talented people. They work so hard. I just sashay in and I sashay out. But they're recording and rehearsing and dancing and then shooting and getting up at five in the morning and working until 10 at night."

But it's more than worth it, she says. And if audiences liked the pilot, they're going to love what comes next. "The first episode I think is amazing," she says, "but it just gets better and better."

FRIDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/21/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	India with Sanjeev Bhaskar		The View From Here		Heartbeat "Bully Boys"		Allan Gregg	Film 101	View From Hr
	211	331	3 GTV	ET Canada	Entertainment	The Unit "Bad Beat"		The Unit		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		News
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Supernanny		Monk		Stargate Atlantis		Comedy Now
	196	311	7 CTV	Hollywood	etalk	Ghost Whisperer		Castle (HDTV)		Criminal Minds		News
	208	303	8 CBC	Coronation St.	Jeopardy!	Quest for the West		Wild Roses (DVS)		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	-	360	9 NBC	Wheel-Fortune	Jeopardy!	Southland (HDTV PA)		Dateline NBC				News
	-	362	13 CBS	Dr. Phil (HDTV)		Ghost Whisperer		Medium		NUMB3RS (HDTV)		Two/Half Men
	216	395	14 OMN2	Raymond	According-Jim	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King	Cold Case
	214	344	15 CITY	Law & Order: SVU		Man Tracker (DVS)		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		Out There	Out There	News
	218	345	18 E!	The Insider	E News	THS Investigates				20/20 (HDTV)		News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Supernanny		Ugly Betty (HDTV)		20/20 (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36 FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	NFL Preseason Football Tennessee Titans at Dallas Cowboys. (HDTV) (Live)						News
news	500	500	33 CNN	Lou Dobbs Tonight		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27 net	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet	Sportsnet	Sportsnet
	126	730	28 RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	CFL Pregame	CFL Football Saskatchewan Roughriders at Montreal Alouettes. (HDTV) (Live)						CFL Football	
family	554	544	48 TEL	Batman: Brave	Spider-Man	Wolverine	Justice	Futurama	Batman Beyond: Return of the Joker			Batman-Byond
	557	540	51 FAM	Sonny Chance	Johnny Kapahala: Back on Board			(9:02) The Secret Garden (1993)			The Little Treasure Hunters	
	551	542	65 YTV	Big ★★★ (1988, Fantasy) Tom Hanks, Robert Loggia.				Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Family Biz	Adrenaline	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	Criminal Minds "Lo-Fi"		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32 SPKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		Aliens ★★★★ (1986, Science Fiction) Sigourney Weaver, Carrie Henn.				
	616	521	39 SHO	The Outer Limits		The Best Years (DVS)		Kenny-Spenny	Kenny-Spenny	Trailer Park	Trailer Park	Webdreams
	520	505	42 DIS	Daily Planet		Canada's Worst Handyman		Man vs. Wild "Belize"		Forensic Factor (N)		Against Odds
	581	566	53 MTV	4REAL	MTV News	Made Hip hop dancer.		The Real World		True Love	The X Effect	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	NCIS "Requiem"		Jurassic Fight Club		Legends	Legends	Ice Road Truckers		Turning Points
	603	561	95 FN	Chef at Home	Fresh-Anna	Thirsty	Thirsty	Bobby Flay	Chef Abroad	Diner, Drive-In	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/22/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	National Geographic		The Beast ★★★ (1988, War) George Dzundza.				The Interviews	Three Kings (1999, War)	
	211	331	3 GTV	Healthy Ever After (N)		The Unit		Doc		Doc "Lost and Found"		News Final (N)
	209	342	6 CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		Wall of Secrets (2003, Suspense) Nicole Eggert. (DVS)				Jeff Ltd.	Comedy Inc.	Arts & Minds
	196	311	7 CTV	W-FIVE (DVS)		Doomstown (2006, Drama) Chris "K.C." Collins.				Law & Order: SVU		News
	208	303	8 CBC	WTA Tennis Rogers Cup -- Semifinal. From Toronto. (Live)					Laughs	Intelligence (DVS)		Last Samurai
	-	360	9 NBC	Light Relief	Paid Program	Law & Order: Criminal Intent		Law & Order (HDTV)		Law & Order: SVU		News
	-	362	13 CBS	Countdwn		NFL Preseason Football Detroit Lions at Cleveland Browns. (Live)					The Insider	CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Chinese Rest.	Trendy Zone	Old Well ★ (1986, Drama) Zhang Yimou, Lu Liping.				Omni News: Mandarin		Chinese Rest.
	214	344	15 CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		The Snow Walker ★★ (2003, Adventure)				News
	218	345	18 E!	Out There	E News	Rich Poor	Rich Poor	Movie				News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Entertainment Tonight		According-Jim	War of the Worlds ★★★ (2005, Science Fiction) Tom Cruise.					News
	-	365	36 FOX	News	Seinfeld	Cops	Cops	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		MADtv
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406	417	27 net	Sportsnet Connected		English Premier League Soccer Teams TBA.				Sportsnet	MLS Soccer	
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	Humanima	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Les Grands reportages		Tout	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	(6:30) NASCAR Racing Sprint Cup -- Sharpie 500. (HDTV) From Bristol Motor Speedway in Bristol, Tenn. (Live)								SportsCentre
family	554	544	48 TEL	Tom and Jerry: Shiver Me Whiskers (2006)			Johnny Test	Futurama	Chicken	Clone High	Rick & Steve	Moral Orel
	557	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	With Honors ★★ (1994, Drama)			(10:43) Miracle (2004)	
	551	542	65 YTV	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Survive This	Adrenaline	In Real Life		Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami (HDTV)		CSI: Miami		CSI: Miami		The Sopranos
	628	584	32 SPKE	Ultimate Fighting Championship 89: Bisping vs. Leben				UFC Fight for the Troops (HDTV)				
	616	521	39 SHO	(6) Legacy of Fear		Devil's Diary (2007, Suspense) Deanna Casaluce.				Trainspotting ★★★ (1996, Drama)		
	520	505	42 DIS	Cash Cab	How It's Made	Destroyed	Time Warp	Dirty Jobs "Maggot Farmer"		Destroyed	Guinea Pig	Criss Angel
	581	566	53 MTV	Cribs	Cribs	After	MTV Live	MTV News	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs
	522	506	55 HIS	Ship of Ice Ship of ice.		Crime Stories		The Green Mile ★★★ (1999, Drama) Tom Hanks, David Morse.				
	603	561	95 FN	Grill It-Flay	Chef Abroad	Ramsay's Kitchen		The Next Food Network Star		Kitchen Nightmares		Hell's Kitchen

SUNDAY

OT	Vu	SC	C	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00
8/23/09 primetime	265	353	2 TVO	Centre of the Earth		The End of Suburbia		Escape From Suburbia (N)			View From Hr	View From Hr
	211	331	3 GTV	Family Guy	American Dad	(8:01) Big Brother 11		Family Guy	American Dad	The Simpsons	Family Guy	News
	209	342	6 CHRO	Funniest Home Videos		Hole in the Wall		Hole in the Wall		Monk		Look-A-Like
	196	311	7 CTV	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Merlin (N)		You Can Dance		Defying Gravity (N)		News
	208	303	8 CBC	Heartland (DVS)		Mission: Impossible III ★★★ (2006, Action)				Mission: Impossible III		Doctor Who
	-	360	9 NBC	Merlin (HDTV) (N)		Merlin (N)		Miss Universe 2009 (HDTV) (Live)				News
	-	362	13 CBS	60 Minutes (HDTV)		(8:01) Big Brother 11		Neighborhood		(9:59) Cold Case		CSI: NY
	216	395	14 OMN2	Bhangra Generation		Aaram	Arirang Korea	Word	Trendy Zone	Doctors With Borders		Of Blessings
	214	344	15 CITY	TO Show	Less-Kind	Be a Millionaire		Miss Universe 2009 (HDTV) (Live)				News
	218	345	18 E!	Mysteries	Mysteries	Deal or No Deal		To Be Announced				News/Eleven
	-	361	20 ABC	Funniest Home Videos		Be a Millionaire		Shark Tank (N)		Defying Gravity (N)		News
	-	365	36 FOX	'Til Death	American Dad	The Simpsons	The Simpsons	Family Guy	American Dad	FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Sportsworks
news	500	500	33 CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		State of Union
sports	406	417	27 net	MMA Conn	Baseball	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Boston Red Sox. From Fenway Park in Boston.						Sportsnet
	126	730	28 RDI	Journal	Montréal vu	Découverte (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Voir double	Terres arct.	Regard	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30 TSN	IndyCar Racing		2009 World Series of Poker		2009 World Series of Poker		SportsCentre (HDTV) (Live)		
family	554	544	48 TEL	Stoked (N)	Totally Spies	6TEEN	6TEEN	Futurama	Punch	Life's a Zoo	Life's a Zoo	Rick & Steve
	557	540	51 FAM	Suite Life	Zoey 101	Zack & Cody	Han. Montana	Strange Brew ★★ (1983, Comedy)			Ernest Goes to Jail	
	551	542	65 YTV	Barnyard: Original Party		SpongeBob	Prank Patrol	In Real Life		Adrenaline	Survive This	Mystery Hnt.
cable variety	615	520	31 A&E	CSI: Miami (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32 SPKE	(7:06) UFC Unleashed		(8:08) UFC Unleashed		(9:09) UFC Unleashed		(10:12) UFC Unleashed		Unleashed
	616	521	39 SHO	The Guard (HDTV)		The Unquiet (2007, Suspense) Cara Buono.				Rescue Me "David"		The Guard
	520	505	42 DIS	MythBusters		Nature's Most Amazing		Nature's Most Amazing		MythBusters "Seesaw Saga"		A. Bourdain
	581	566	53 MTV	Made Hip hop dancer.		Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	Cribs	After
	522	506	55 HIS	Lost Worlds		Opus Dei-Da Vinci Code		The Da Vinci Code ★★ (2006, Mystery) Tom Hanks, Audrey Tautou.				
	603	561	95 FN	Challenge Chocolate.		I Do-Let's Eat!	I Do-Let's Eat!	Iron Chef America		Dinner: Impossible		Restaurant

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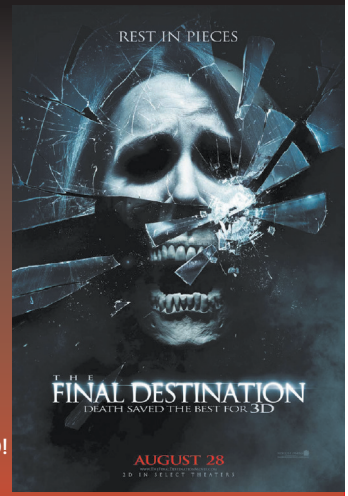

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Danza's reality show
Actor Tony Danza is heading to Philadelphia to shoot A&E's new reality show Teach at Northeast High School. The city's School Reform Commission voted 3-1 Wednesday to approve the filming of 13 episodes of the show. PEOPLE.COM

Going Out

Mix of Six

Ottawa Folk Festival
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Britannia Park

The annual Ottawa Folk Festival features evening and daytime stages, vendors offerings, activities for kids and much more. Headliners for this year's festival include Steven Page, Amy Millan, Bruce Cockburn, and Joel Plaskett.

Ottawa Reggae Festival
When: Friday to Sunday
Where: Lebreton Flats

Lebreton Flats is the one-stop place this weekend for live performances from some of the hottest reggae, dancehall, soca, R&B and hip-hop artists as well as a dance and dub poetry showcase at this year's Ottawa Reggae Festival.

SuperEX
When: Until Aug. 30
Where: Lansdowne Park

The 121st incarnation of Ottawa's largest annual community event is here again, with rides, entertainment and agriculture taking over Lansdowne Park for 11 days.

Britney Spears
When: Friday, 8 p.m.
Where: Scotiabank Place

Back with a vengeance and a full head of hair, Britney Spears rolls into town with her Circus tour this Friday. Tickets are $125, $95 and $45.20.

Dairy Farming
When: Sunday
Where: Cumberland Heritage Village Museum

Spend the day learning about dairy farming. Dairy activities and demonstrations for all ages will be happening throughout the day. Admission $7.

Insensitivity Training
When: Sunday, 9 p.m.
Where: Yuk Yuk's Comedy Club

A politically incorrect evening of inappropriateness with Ottawa's award-winning Improv comedy troupe. Admission $5.

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Inglourious Basterds
FILM There are plenty of good summer movies in theatres right now. But are you going to sit out the opportunity to watch Brad Pitt and his gang of Basterds hunt for "Nazi scalps" in a Quentin Tarantino Second World War fantasy? Really? We didn't think so.

2 Top Chef Las Vegas
TV It's season 6 of Bravo's reality cookoff, and 17 new "cheftestants" are trying their culinary skills (and luck) in Sin City. Plenty of kitchen drama, some mouth-watering food and gorgeous host Padma Lakshmi make this show a cut above the rest.

3 Rudo y Cursi
DVD Gael Garcia Bernal and Diego Luna — two of the hottest global stars — team up with Y Tu Mama Tambien writer Carlos Cuaron for this tragicomic romp through the world of fame and soccer. It may not reach the heights of Tambien (already a foreign cinema classic), but the improvisational thespianism of Bernal and Luna is as good as movies get.

4 Imperial Blaze: Sean Paul
ALBUM It's never too late for a summer block party and Sean Paul's fourth album can even get your mom dancing on the streets. The reggae-dancehall star serves up plenty of juice here — So Fine and Press It Up are standouts but any of the 20 tracks will do the trick. Just push play and get burnin'.

5 The Girl Who Played With Fire: Stieg Larsson
BOOK Investigative journalist Mikael Blomkvist and cyberpunk anti-heroine Lisbeth Salander are back in this sequel to The Girl with The Dragon Tattoo, the novel that put the late Swedish author on top of the contemporary thriller pile. The new instalment is already burning up charts around the world (including Canada) and rumour has it that George Clooney, Johnny Depp and Brad Pitt are all interested in playing Blomkvist on film.

6 Batman: Arkham Asylum
GAME Finally a Batman title that's supposed to do for gaming what The Dark Knight did for Batman films — take the franchise to a new level of artistic sophistication. Here, the caped crusader takes on a whole bunch of psychotic supervillains, including The Joker and The Riddler.

7 United Breaks Guitars: Song 2
VIDEO The Dave Carroll recipe for success: Write a song about how United Airlines broke your guitar. Post the video. Repeat, if desired, for best results. The Halifax musician has returned with another instalment of his viral video — this time with bigger and better production. The original clip has been viewed almost five million times on YouTube.

Festival hours

Gates open at 4 p.m. today, and the musical acts perform from 5:30 p.m. to 11 p.m. Tomorrow, the gates open at 10.am., and the musical acts perform from 10:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. On Sunday, the gates open at 10 a.m., and the musical acts perform from 10:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

The Ottawa
Folk Festival

Stay hydrated

The Ottawa Folk Festival will not be selling bottled water as part of its "Green Initiative." Instead, bring a refillable container, which you can fill up at one of several Hydration Stations located on the festival grounds. METRO NEWS SERVICES

ANDREW STAWICKI/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICES

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Bruce Cockburn and Amy Millan are both scheduled to perform on the main stage during the Ottawa Folk Festival this weekend. Tickets are on sale now.

Steven Page is set to take the stage tonight at 10 p.m.

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Event focuses on community

MJ DESCHAMPS
for Metro Ottawa

Sure, the Ottawa Folk Festival is all about bringing great musical acts to the community, but its main focus is really the Ottawa community itself.

Now in its 16th year, the festival has evolved over time to include a more diverse lineup of artists, activities and entertainment that don't all necessarily fit into the dictionary's definition of "folk."

What has not changed, however, is the festival's goal to not only to get people out, but involved with it as well.

"The folk festival is all about participation and bringing the community together," said Chris White, the festival's founding artistic director.

This year's festival includes a series of environmental and gardening workshops along with the usual musical workshops over the course of the weekend for festival attendees.

The not-for-profit festival organization works hard to develop and nurture community partners, and thinks of its volunteers as the integral part of the festival's success, said White.

"I've seen the festival evolve over the last 16 years, and more and more, I've come to realize that volunteers are really the core of this whole operation," he said.

"The people of Ottawa have really made this festival what it is, and the whole feeling and experience of it is a unique, community-built thing."

The festival takes place this weekend at Britannia Park, and features a lineup including Bruce Cockburn, Steven Page, Amy Millan, Joel Plaskett, and many other local and international acts.

The dance tent will operate for the second year during the festival, playing host to artist collaborations and beginner and intermediate dance lessons. A kid's zone is included in the festival as well, with puppet shows, workshops, arts and crafts and other activities.

"People have been on vacation, and out of the city, and the folk festival is a really nice way to wind down the summer and get the Ottawa community back together," said White.

How much will it cost to go?

- Day passes are $35 (adults); $25 (youth 25 and under, and seniors); and free for children 12 and under.
- Weekend passes are $95 (adults); $55 (youth 25 and under, and seniors); and free for children 12 and under.

To buy tickets

Tickets are available at the following locations:

- Capital Tickets, capitaltickets.ca, 613-599-3267 or 877-788-3267.
- The Ottawa Folk Festival box office, on the grounds.

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Gardening village a first

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JAKE MORRISON PHOTO
The Ottawa Folk Festival's gardening village includes three zen gardens, a patchwork garden, and a tent with demonstrations.

She didn't know much about gardening.

So when Ottawa-based folk musician Ana Miura was asked to be the co-ordinator for the Ottawa Folk Festival's gardening village — a festival first — she didn't really know what she was getting into.

But the more she learned about gardening, the more excited she got.

"Gardening and gardening tourism are really on the rise," said Miura, who was last seen at Bluesfest and will be performing at the folk festival. "Gardening people say this is going to get huge, and everyone says folk and gardening makes sense."

The gardening village — one of the main features at this year's festival, held at Britannia Park today through Sunday — includes different gardens and talks about gardening, but the major feature is the patchwork garden, said Miura.

She likens the garden to a patchwork quilt — a community project that comes from individual efforts.

Miura had 25 18" by 18" by 6" square flower boxes constructed and gave them to community groups. The groups will bring their garden boxes — hopefully full of flowers and greenery — to the festival this week.

"Folks will be able to enjoy it and bid silent-auction style on the patches," she said.

The village will also include three zen gardens, which involve user-friendly, framed-in areas, filled with different materials, including rocks, for people to rake, touch and arrange.

"It's really participatory," said Miura.

Those who prefer to relax and maybe learn a few tips will find a gardening tent with demonstrations tomorrow and Sunday, including a presentation by CBC Radio's Ed Lawrence on avoiding pesticides, and representatives from Just Food. Festivalgoers can also seek advice from master gardeners in Ottawa-Carleton.

The gardening area is also kid-friendly, Miura added.

"There's going to be terracotta pot-painting, and you could totally do the zen garden with the kids," Miura said. Children can also colour in drawings of flora and fauna around Ontario by visual artist Meredith Luce. The finished pictures will be displayed inside the dance tent, Miura said.

Evening lineup for this weekend

Full schedule of events at ottawafolk.org/2009/schedule.html

Joel Plaskett will be performing on the main stage Sunday.

Main Stage

FRIDAY

5:30 p.m.: Third Annual Cross-Cultural Artist Collaboration (18 artists)

6:15 p.m.: Sheesham & Lotus

7:10 p.m.: Vishtèn

7:45 p.m.: Kinnie Starr

8:45 p.m.: Amy Millan

10 p.m: Steven Page

SATURDAY

5:30 p.m.: DiggingRoots

6:30 p.m.: The Arrogant Worms

7:30 p.m.: James Hill & Anne Davison

8:30 p.m.: Good Lovelies

9:30 p.m.: Bruce Cockburn

SUNDAY

5:30 p.m.: Terry Penner Festival Choir with Andy Rush

6 p.m.: Ellen McIlwaine

6:50 p.m.: "Circle of Song": Ray Bonneville, James Keelaghan, Penny Lang (host)

8:15 p.m.: Joel Plaskett

9:30 p.m.: Idy Oulo

Dance tent

FRIDAY

5:30 p.m.: The Sadies

6:45 p.m.: Mihirangi

9:15 p.m.: Mr. Something Something

SATURDAY

6 p.m.: Crystal Journey with David Hickey (Sound Healing)

8 p.m.: Michael Jerome Browne

9 p.m.: Saturday Night Cajun Dance Party featuring: Ball & Chain and the Wreckers, Christine Balfa & Dirk Powell (Balfa Toujours), & Jesse Legé

SUNDAY

5 p.m.: Sunday Swingtacular swing dance extravaganza with Terra Hazelton & Her Easy Answers

7:30 p.m.: That 1 Guy

8:30 p.m.: The Breakmen

9:30 p.m.: Mr. Something Something

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Katy's bosom buddy?
Katy Perry's womanly charms have helped raise $3,000 US for a cancer charity — a generous fan has snapped up a plaster cast of the singer's breasts at an auction, femalefirst.co.uk reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Jesus cries if he wants to at Madge's party

HEARTBREAKER Madonna made her model boyfriend cry when she refused to wear jewelry he bought her for her birthday, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Jesus Luz, 22, gave the singer a set of South American good-luck bracelets, made of thin ribbons which are said to grant the wearer three wishes when they break, at her 51st birthday party on Sunday.

Madonna smiled when she opened the present, but was quick to tell Luz she couldn't wear it, leaving him in tears.

A source told Britain's Daily Mirror newspaper: "Madonna said that although she loved the bracelets she wouldn't wear them because they clashed with her Kabbalah bracelets.

"Jesus was crestfallen and he had words with her."

Later the same night, Madonna praised her lover in a speech at the party before running across the room to passionately kiss him. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Céline's second test-tube baby

PREGNANCY Céline Dion, now expecting her second child, is "very excited," said her doctor, Dr. Zev Rosenwaks, who performed the in vitro fertilization procedure that made the 41-year-old singer's pregnancy possible, people.com reports.

When he called her earlier this week to say the pregnancy test was positive, "You could hear her chuckling," he said. "She was very happy. So was (husband René Angélil). They are both very thankful."

Rosenwaks implanted an embryo that had been kept frozen in liquid nitrogen for the past eight years.

Dion had her embryos frozen when she went through IVF while trying to conceive her first child, René-Charles, who was born in 2001. When she completed her performance run in Las Vegas in 2007, "she came back to have the embryos transferred back because she wanted to have another baby," he said. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sting sex rumour a fake: Daughter

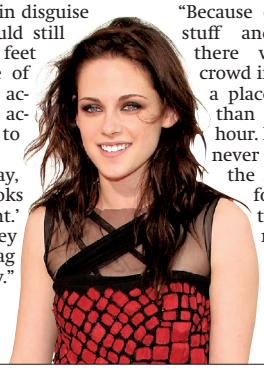
TOO MUCH INFORMATION Sting's daughter Coco Sumner wants everyone to know that the legends about her dad's bedroom prowess — rumoured eight-hour bedroom sessions thanks to tantric sex — are completely false. "Bob Geldof made up this thing and it stuck," she told Love magazine.

"It's embarrassing when people bring it up ... They love each other. So what?" METRO WORLD NEWS

Fans freak me out: Kristen

RABID TEEN FANS Kristen Stewart admits she's completely freaked out by her obsessive fans.

"I'm scared. I feel like I could go out in disguise but they would still recognize my feet or the shape of my leg," the actress said, according to Hollyscoop. "They'd say, 'Hey, she looks about right.' And they would just bag me. It's scary."



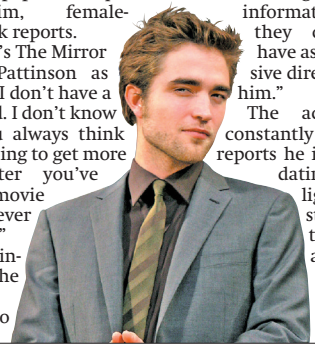
And Stewart admits she's not adapting to fame all that easily. "I can't remember what my normal life is like," she said.

"Because of Internet stuff and Twitter, there will be a crowd if you are in a place for more than half an hour. I've learned never to stay in the same place for more than 20 minutes." METRO WORLD NEWS

Robert denies single quotes

WAIT A MINUTE Robert Pattinson has fired back at tabloid reports he's single and looking for love, insisting he never spoke to the newspaper that quoted him, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Britain's The Mirror quoted Pattinson as stating, "I don't have a girlfriend. I don't know why. You always think you're going to get more girls after you've made a movie and it never happens."



But he insists he never spoke to the tabloid. His publicist said, "Robert did not speak to the Mirror, and their claim that they spoke to him a few days ago is manufactured along with any information that they claim to have as an exclusive directly from him."

The actor has constantly denied reports he is secretly dating Twilight co-star Kristen Stewart. METRO NEWS SERVICES

George faces off with Bill O'Reilly

ARGUMENT George Clooney's long-standing feud with Bill O'Reilly, dating back to different views on 9-11, is fired up again after the Fox News host questioned whether topless shots reportedly taken of a teenager at the actor's Italian home exist, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Clooney revealed his plans to sue the paparazzo he claimed scaled the walls of his Lake Como villa to shoot a young guest changing in her bedroom. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Amy back to wild partying days?

UH OH Amy Winehouse reportedly went on a 48-hour bender in London.

Photographers spotted her sporting a burned finger and runny nose with flecks of white powder around her nose and mouth, according to the Sun.

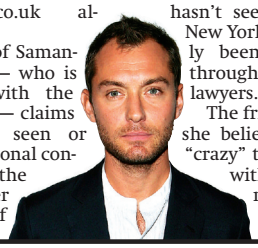
The troubled singer showed up at a Primrose Hill pub with some pals — including Liza Minelli's ex-husband David Gest.

"Amy couldn't even stand when she came in. It was only 8:45 p.m.," a source told the newspaper. "Everyone at the bar was moaning about them being there." METRO NEWS SERVICES

Future mom a virtual stranger?

OUCH Jude Law doesn't even remember the mother-to-be of his fourth child, femalefirst.co.uk alleges.

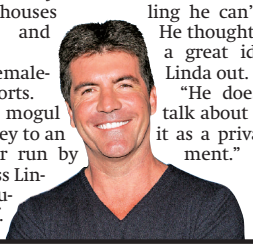
A friend of Samantha Burke — who is pregnant with the star's baby — claims she hasn't seen or been in personal contact with the actor after their brief fling. The unnamed pal told E! Online: "Jude didn't even remember her. She hasn't seen him since New York. They've only been in contact through their lawyers."



The friend also said she believes Burke is "crazy" to go through with the pregnancy. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Simon's soft spot for dogs

ANIMAL LOVER Simon Cowell secretly donates more than $150,000 US a year to a shelter that houses "neglected and abandoned" poches, femalefirst.co.uk reports.



The music mogul gives the money to an animal shelter run by Exorcist actress Linda Blair in Toluca Lake, Calif.

A source said, "Simon is a huge dog lover but because he's always travelling he can't have one. He thought it would be a great idea to help Linda out.

"He doesn't like to talk about it as he sees it as a private arrangement." METRO NEWS SERVICES

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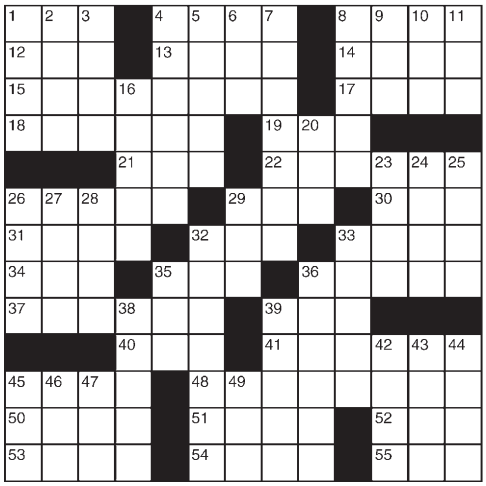

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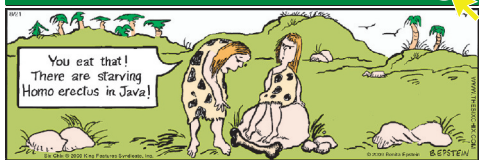

Metro Recipe of the Day

Pork with Watermelon Salsa

INGREDIENTS:

1 cup (250 ml) seeded chopped watermelon
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped strawberries
1/2 cup (125 ml) chopped kiwi
1/4 cup chopped peaches
3 tbsp (45 ml) lime juice
4 tsp (20 ml) honey
1/2 tsp (2 ml) grated lime peel
1 to 2 mint leaves, chopped
1/2 cup (125 ml) peach preserves
3 pork tenderloins (3/4 lb/375 g each)

METHOD:

1. Coat barbecue rack or grill pan rack with nonstick cooking spray before starting. Prepare barbecue for indirect heat, using a drip pan. Salsa: in a small bowl, combine the fruit, lime juice, honey, lime peel and mint; set aside. In a pot, heat the preserves for 1 minute.
2. Grill pork, covered, over indirect medium-hot heat for 15 minutes. Turn; brush with some of the preserves. Grill 10-15 minutes longer or until juices run clear and a meat thermometer reads 160 F (71 C), basting occasionally with preserves. Serve with salsa.

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
This could be an emotional day, if not for you personally then certainly for someone you are close to.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Don't let your responsibilities weigh you down. You may have no choice but to work hard and help other people but you must also do things for yourself.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
It's not often you give in to despair but the cosmic picture warns you are too involved in the negative side of what's going on.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
You are not responsible for other people's woes and you may need to remind yourself of that fact today.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
You may be in two minds about which way to move today, but who says you have to move at all?

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Not everyone has your level of common sense and someone, a friend or a family member, will do something rather silly today.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
The planets warn that if you try to push an issue today you will lose out in a big way. Everything that is meant to happen will happen at the proper time.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
No matter where you may be and no matter what you may be doing you must think positive.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
If you make a mistake you must put it right the first chance you get. It may not be in your nature to go round saying sorry but this time you must.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
By all means make plans but be ready to change them at a moment's notice if a shift in your circumstances calls for it.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
Be careful what you say today because with Mercury, planet of communication, aspecting Uranus, planet of surprises, others may try to twist your words.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
You may not want to give any clues about what you are up to but if you clam up completely others may start to wonder what you've got to hide.

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